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✓ Title: COMPOSITE INDUCTOR ELEMENT

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 12 with the following claim:

12. A composite inductor element comprising:
a block made of at least either resin or rubber having a magnetic material dispersed therein;
a plurality of external electrodes provided on said block; and
at least one spirally-wound parallel wire line buried in said block and

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